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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 25, 1975:

QUOTE:Q. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS IN A LEADING NEWSPAPER  
AND A LEADING NETWORK THAT THE ADMINISTRATION-- THAT THE  
REASSESSMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST POLICY IS NEARING AN END  
AND A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO CUT AID TO ISRAEL. WHAT  
CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT ANY DECISION OR TENTATIVE DECISION  
MADE ON AID TO ISRAEL?

A. FIRST OF ALL, ON THE REASSESSMENT, IT IS STILL UNDER  
WAY. I DO NOT KNOW -- IT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET --  
WHEN THE REASSESSMENT WILL BE COMPLETED AND THEN GO  
THROUGH THE NORMAL NSC MACHINERY TO THE PRESIDENT.

WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL,  
THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION MADE. AS I RECALL, THE SEC-  
RETARY SAID ON MARCH 26, I THINK IT WAS, IN HIS PRESS  
CONFERENCE THAT THE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO  
ISRAEL HAD NOT YET REACHED HIM, IT WAS BEING STUDIED  
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AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. ALL I CAN TELL YOU AS OF RIGHT  
NOW, IT STILL HAS NOT REACHED THE SECRETARY. IT IS  
STILL BEING STUDIED. NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Q. IS THERE A RECOMMENDATION FOR A CUT TO ONE BILLION  
IN MILITARY AID?

A. NO, THERE IS NOT. THIS IS STILL BEING STUDIED,

JOHN. IT HASN'T EVEN GOTTEN UP TO THE SECRETARY'S LEVEL,  
AND THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY AT THE MOMENT.

Q. DO YOU KNOW OF ANYBODY WHO IS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION  
THAT MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL BE HELD TO ONE BILLION  
DOLLARS? HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THAT?

A. NO, I HAVE NOT. AND I WOULD THINK FROM WHAT I HAVE  
JUST SAID NOW THAT THERE CAN'T BE MUCH FOUNDATION FOR  
THAT REPORT BECAUSE NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. THIS IS  
STILL BEING STUDIED; AND IT HASN'T CONSIDERED THE  
QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL. THE LEVELS,  
HOW IT MIGHT COME OUT IN THE REASSESSMENT, HAVEN'T BEEN  
ADDRESSED YET AT THE TOP LEVEL.

Q. WHAT I ASKED WAS WHETHER A RECOMMENDATION HAD BEEN  
MADE TO THE SECRETARY.

A. THERE HAS BEEN NO RECOMMENDATION MADE TO THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS SUBJECT.

Q. ON THE SAME MATTER, IS THAT ONE OF THE OPTIONS?

A. I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE OPTIONS. I DON'T EVEN  
KNOW WHAT ALL THE OPTIONS ARE. IT'S STILL AN INTERAGENCY  
EXERCISE IN PREPARING THE REASSESSMENT, AND I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT THE VARIOUS OPTIONS ARE EVEN GOING TO BE YET. AND  
THE SECRETARY HASN'T SEEN THE OPTIONS.

Q. HOW CLOSE TO AN END IS IT? CAN YOU PUT IT IN A MATTER  
OF DAYS OR MATTER OF --

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A. NO, I CANNOT. I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY FINITE TERM HERE  
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ON THIS.

Q. THERE IS A LONG REPORT FROM PARIS ABOUT SYRIA AND  
JORDAN BECOMING BUDDY-BUDDIES, NOW.

A. YES.

Q. IN VIEW OF KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT HERE NEXT WEEK, WHAT  
DO WE KNOW ABOUT THIS?

A. I HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS. I CAN'T CONFIRM THEM OR DENY  
THEM. WE DON'T HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SUCH AN ALLEGED  
ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND JORDAN. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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